

**RESOLUTION OF THE TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL  
(Approving a 25-Year Land Assignment for a Department of Health and  
Human Services Children's Home)**

**RESOLUTION NO. 25-026**

1 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council is vested with the power "to manage,  
2 protect, preserve and regulate the use of the property, wildlife, land..." and  
3 resources of the Nation and "to manage and lease or otherwise deal with lands, or  
4 interest in land...of the Tohono O'odham Nation..." (Constitution of the Tohono  
5 O'odham Nation, Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) and Section 2(d)); and

6 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approved Resolution No. 21-121 in  
7 support of the Permanent Children's Home Project with the goal of establishing  
8 a residential facility for children in need of supportive housing and care on the  
9 reservation; and

10 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approved Resolution No. 23-311  
11 accepting the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development,  
12 Office of Economic Development, FY 2023 - FY 2030 Community Project Funding  
13 Grant Award No. B-22-CP-AZ-0028 and the FY 2023 Planning and Economic  
14 Development Department, Children's Home Pre-Construction Project Budget;  
15 and

16 **WHEREAS,** a portion of the property previously leased by the Santa Rosa Day School, located  
17 within Gu Achi District, has been selected as the site for the Children's Home  
18 Project; and

19 **WHEREAS,** the Gu Achi District Council passed Resolution No. 0222-074 supporting the  
20 Permanent Children's Home Project and its proposed location; and

21 **WHEREAS,** the Nation wishes to record the proposed land use for future reference; and

22 **WHEREAS,** the Nation wishes to assign for the Children's Home the following land, formerly  
23 known as the Santa Rosa Day School and hereafter called the Children's Home  
24 Site, for a period of 25 years: consisting of approximately 6.72 acres, East ½ of  
25 Section 28, Township 12 South, Range 3, East of the Gila and Salt River Meridian,  
26 Pima County, Arizona, subject to all existing easements, encroachments and  
27 rights of way; and

28 **WHEREAS,** the Tohono O'odham Nation Department of Health and Human Services shall use  
29 the Children's Home Site to house Tohono O'odham children and shall construct,  
30 operate, maintain, and repair any facility and improvements, as necessary; and



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1 **WHEREAS, on January 13, 2025, the Gu Achi District Council by Resolution No. 0125-146**  
2 **affirmed its support for moving forward with the Nation's Children's Home**  
3 **project on the Children's Home Site on Nation's lands within Gu Achi District; and**

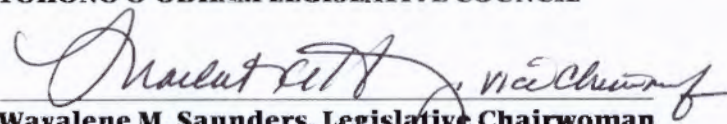
4 **WHEREAS, the Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee has reviewed the 25-year land**  
5 **assignment and recommends approval by the Legislative Council.**

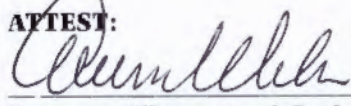
6 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council approves and**  
7 **authorizes a 25-year land assignment for the Children's Home to be located on**  
8 **Nation's lands within the District of Gu Achi, at the Children's Home Site.**

9 **BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Nation's Chairperson, or his/her designee, is authorized to**  
10 **execute any documents reasonably necessary to implement this resolution.**

11 **The foregoing Resolution was passed by the Tohono O'odham Legislative Council on the 16<sup>TH</sup>**  
12 **day of JANUARY 2025 at a meeting at which a quorum was present with a vote of 1,871.5 FOR;**  
13 **1,144.7 AGAINST; -0- NOT VOTING; and 247.1 [03] ABSENT, pursuant to the powers vested in the**  
14 **Council by Article VI, Section 1(i)(2) and Section 2(d); Article XVI, Section 1 of the Constitution of**  
15 **the Tohono O'odham Nation, adopted by the Tohono O'odham Nation on January 18, 1986; and**  
16 **approved by the Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary - Indian Affairs (Operations) on March 6,**  
17 **1986, pursuant to Section 16 of the Act of June 18, 1934 (48 Stat.984).**

**TOHONO O'ODHAM LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL**

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24 **Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman**  
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26 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025

30 **ATTEST:**  
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33 **Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary**  
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35 21 day of January, 2025

37 **Said Resolution was submitted for approval to the office of the Chairman of the Tohono**  
38 **O'odham Nation on the 21<sup>st</sup> day of January, 2025 at 4:56 o'clock, P .m.,**  
39 **pursuant to the provisions of Section 5 of Article VII of the Constitution and will become**  
40 **effective upon his approval or upon his failure to either approve or disapprove it within 48**  
41 **hours of submittal.**

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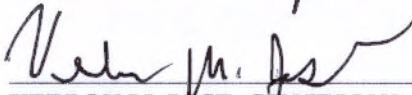
  
Wavalene M. Saunders, Legislative Chairwoman

APPROVED

on the 21 day of January, 2025

DISAPPROVED

at 9:08 o'clock, p. .m.

  
VERLON M. JOSE, CHAIRMAN  
TOHONO O'ODHAM NATION

Returned to the Legislative Secretary on the 22 day of

January, 2025, at 8:45 o'clock, a. .m.

  
Evonne Wilson, Legislative Secretary



**ACTION: APPROVING A 25-YEAR LAND ASSIGNMENT FOR A DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES CHILDREN'S HOME****MOVED: COUNCILWOMAN JANICE FELIX****SECOND: COUNCILMAN ROGER MANUEL****DATE: JANUARY 16, 2025**

DISTRICT	LEGISLATIVE REPRESENTATIVES	# OF VOTES	FOR	AGAINST	NOT VOTING	ABSENT
BABOQUIVARI 394.2	1. LEANDER MASE (Francine Schooling) 2. JESSE NAVARRO (Alberta J. Ray)	197.1 197.1	X	X		
CHUKUT KUK 354.7	1. VIVIAN JUAN-SAUNDERS (Cornelius Antone) 2. MARLAKAY HENRY ( )	177.35 177.35	X X			
GU ACHI 282.7	1. VICTORIA HOBBS (Tonya L. Joaquin) 2. JEROME F. JOAQUIN ( )	141.35 141.35	X	X		
GU VO 276.0	1. DALLAS LEWIS ( ) 2. LESLIE LUNA ( )	138.0 138.0	X	X		
HICKIWAN 220.5	1. DELMA M. GARCIA ( ) 2. LOUIS R. LOPEZ (Loretta A. Ortega)	110.25 110.25	X	X		
PISINEMO 236.2	1. EDWARD D. MANUEL ( ) 2. PAMELA J. BENAVIDEZ (Nora J. Ruelas)	118.1 118.1	X X			
SAN LUCY 257.6	1. ROGER MANUEL (Christina Andrews) 2. GLORIA M. RAMIREZ (Lorraine M. Eiler)	128.8 128.8	X X			
SAN XAVIER 244.5	1. JANICE FELIX ( ) 2. DANIEL L.A. PRESTON III ( )	122.25 122.25	X X			
SCHUK TOAK 191.8	1. DELISA M. RAMON (Sharon A. Francisco) 2. THEORIA CAMPILLO (Rebecca Ann Valentine)	95.9 95.9	X X			X
SELLS 558.0	1. EVELYN JUAN MANUEL (Arvada Liston) 2. JANET B. ELEANDO ( )	279.0 279.0		X X		
SIF OIDAK 247.1	1. FRANCIS HOMEWYTEWA ( ) 2. WAVALENE M. SAUNDERS (Mary Lopez)	123.55 123.55				X X
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,263.3</b>	<b>1,871.5</b>	<b>1,144.7</b>	<b>-0-</b>	<b>247.1</b> <b>[03]</b>